

Spring Term 3 January – February



Communication, Language and Literacy targets:

Please encourage your child to;

- To write their own name independently and to form all letters carefully and correctly and then begin to form capital letters. Write all the letter sounds they can hear in their writing and begin to write short sentences, with finger spaces & full stops.
- To read and spell tricky words that are written on your child's reading cards and to practise the spellings sent home each week. Spelling tests are once a week and really help your child to spell their words in their independent writing.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0871YrRpgY>
- Thanks for your continued support with this.
- To learn the NAMES of all letters.
- To begin to retell the main events in a familiar story in the right order and talk about the main characters and begin to make up a different ending.
- To talk clearly in full sentences and learn and understand the meanings of the words linked to our topic that are on your weekly spelling sheet. Encourage your child to say them in a sentence.
- Go to this link to see how we produce these sounds:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6Oiu2h3sUI>

Our Topics

Our topic this time is all about **Pirates**. You will probably be hearing all about the adventures of Pirate Pete and the mischievous Pirate Blackbeard. We use the pirates to inspire the children with their writing and reading as well as encourage storytelling problem solving. We will be making treasure maps, following maps, hunting for treasure and writing signs, labels and facts about pirates. We will be learning about floating, sinking, materials and magnets.



Maths targets Please encourage your child to:
* To count forwards to 20 and back from 20. If your child can do this then please try counting to 30, 40, 50 to 100. --
To recognise numbers to 20 and then beyond.

-To write numbers independently to 20, correctly formed.

* To describe and learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes.

* To count a small set of objects and to complete subtraction number sentences 5-2=3.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkPa9V2wtZs>

* To begin to recognise coins

* To begin to compare, weight, length and capacity. Which is fuller, heavier, lighter, longer, shorter. You could encourage your child to measure the length of things around the house.

-Encourage your child to show you how to make a number in different ways using fingers for example 'show me 4 fingers.... now show me in a different way, grouping 5 sweets in different ways) Numberblocks is great to watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/search?q=numberblocks>

-To recognise a small set of items (up to 6) without counting them.



Key Vocabulary: Please encourage your child to learn, understand and use these terms and words. 'Whisper the word, say the word, act the word and say it in a sentence'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=428l9PIED_I

Canal treasure pirate ship metal

Chinese New Year

Celebrate different similar





. How can you help your child:

Please encourage your child to;

* Please encourage your child to talk about similarities and differences in the environment.

Looking at a people-how are they similar to another person?
How are you different to someone else? Freckles, curly hair etc.

* Please hear your child read every day, it doesn't have to be their school reading book. You could encourage your child to find tricky words in their bedtime story book or help you read a small word like c-a-t.

* Please encourage your child to practise their spellings every day.

* Please encourage your child to ask you questions and explain why things happen.

*** Please encourage your child to get dressed on their own.**

* Please help your child learn to zip up their coat up on their own.

* Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Some lovely enrichment activities we will be doing this term:

Visiting our local elderly people home to take them some presents.

Walk to the local canal. Making fires and dens in our Forest Schools area.

Making Chinese food.

Dancing to Chinese music.

The amazing poet -Andy Tooze visit

Road Safety workshop.

Thai Chi coach and Story club.



Snack Contribution

Please remember to pay your child's snack contribution of 50p each week.

This helps towards the cost of your child's daily healthy snack, play dough and malleable materials, baking and cooking activities and the lovely resources we need to ensure the children have access to a wide range of fun and exciting learning opportunities.

We really do value your 50p contribution.



Dates for your Diaries



Special events, visits, visitors:

- January 14th - Poet Andy Tooze visit to school
- Road safety workshop 20.1.20
- Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day
- Week beginning 20th January - Celebrating Chinese New Year
- School closes February 14th for 1 week

General Reminders

*Please remember to name all of your child's belongings including their jumpers, cardigans, coats and hats.

*Please be aware that outdoor play is a very important part of the curriculum, and we aim to go outside every day. Please ensure your child has a warm coat every day and hats, gloves and scarves if required.

*. Please remember to bring your child's book bag everyday. Please practice their words and phonemes written on their cards and practice their spellings.